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Sahibzada Mirza Mubarak Ahmad, Vakil-i-A'la, laying the Foundation Stone of the Ahmadiyya Mosque, Copenhagen, Denmark. The brick that he placed there as the Foundation Stone had been removed from Masjid Mubarak, Qadian and prayed upon by the late Hazrat Muslih Mauood, may God be pleased with him.

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Another Mosque for Europe

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Following is the full text of the speech of Sahibzada Mirza Mubarak Ahmad, Vakil-i-A'ala, delivered on the occasion of the laying of the Foundation Stone of the Ahmadiyya Mosque, Copenhagen, Denmark. Editor.

Sisters and brothers !

On this auspicious occasion, let me begin by expressing our deepest thanks to Almighty Allah, through whose Grace and mercy alone, we have been able to undertake this sacred project. The Copenhagen Mosque of which I will presently lay the foundation stone is the sixth mosque which through Allah's grace and mercy we have been able to build in Europe. The London mosque in Putney was opened in 1926, the Hague mosque in 1955, the Hamburg Mosque in 1957, the Frankfurt mosque in 1959 and the one in Zurich in 1963. Out of these six the cost of mosques in London, the Hague and Copenhagen has been met by the Ladies of the Ahmadiyya Movement alone. The plot of the land for the present mosque was purchased by our missionary Mr. Masud Ahmad who lived and worked among you not so long ago.

As is the case of London and the Hague mosques, Ahmadi ladies have also contributed generously to funds for building this mosque. When appeal for contribution was made some seventeen months ago by the President of the Central Ahmadiyya Women's Association at the Annual Gathering of the Cummunity at Rabwah, (the present H.Q. of Ahmadiyya Movement) the response was most spontaneous. A sum of Rs. 20,000/- was collected on the spot. The collection in cash and gold has since risen to Rs. 2,45,000/-. This does not include promised donations which should mean another Rs. 45,000/-. We hope that God willing the target of Rs. 500,000/- set for this project would soon be reached. Two examples out of many would give you an idea of the enthusiasm and spirit of eager sacrifice shown by donors when the collections were being made. A small girl of ten, eager to offer her little bit elbowed her way through the rush of women and reached the dais at the risk of being crushed by the crowd. When the curious onlookers lifted her on to the dais, she took off her gold earrings and offered them as her personal contribution. Her grand mother

accompanied her. The earrings the child had donated, belonged to the child's mother who had been dead for many years. The child's attachment to the souvenir can easily be imagined. But she insisted upon surrendering what was most dear to her. She did it for building the House of God.

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Another lady donated her marriage gift—a set of gold ornaments which to her were costlier and dearer than even gold because of their sentimental value. It was no mean sacrifice to part with this token of a happy marriage. But she did it eagerly and more than welcomed the opportunity to serve Islam. She longed to have more gold so that she could give more.

In Islam, a mosque plays a very significant and important role. It need not always be an architectural wonder but it invariably is a place of worship which is wholly dedicated to Allah, the Gracious, the Mericiful. It is the house of God where Muslims gather together five times a day to offer prayers in congregation. It is the symbol and sign of brotherhoood of man. It abolishes all distinctions of colour and class, the whites and the blacks, the haves and the have-nots all stand as equal before the one and only God, in utter humility and worshipful submission. A mosque is a miracle. It transforms a monster of civilization into man and reminds him of his duties both to God and His creatures. The purpose of a mosque is to lead man to God, not as a recluse but as a full participant in life. A mosque is in short, a message, a promise, a symbol of peace and of hope for mankind. Suffering humanity needs them, their message and their spirit. May God grant us the opportunity to build many more all over the globe.

Before I lay the foundation stone of this mosque I humbly pray that it may serve to glorify the name of Almighty God and bring spiritual blessings to the people in this part of the world. May this mosque prosper and serve as a centre for the diffusion of purity, justice and love and for spreading the message of Islam all around. Let us all join in repeating the prayers uttered by Hazrat Ibrahim (peace be on him) when he laid the foundation stone of the Ka'aba in Mecca, the first house built for the worship of God.

(The Prayers followed)

Rabwah Diary

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Khutbas

One of the biggest stumbling blocks in the way of the spiritual progress—and of course in the mundane affairs also—is pride. Hazrat Khalifatul Masih dilated on this subject, and in this connection he commented on quite a few verses of the Holy Quran in his Friday Sermon on the 13th of May. He told the audience that the pride ultimately took the people away from the straight path and even made them blind to the signs of God which add to the faith of the humble and the meek.

In his Friday Sermon on the 20th of May, Hazrat Khalifatul Masih asked the Jamaat to join him in thanking God most heartily for the fulfilment of that prophecy of the Promised Messiah, peace be on him, which makes reference to the kings seeking blessings from his (Promised Messiah) clothes. This prophecy he said was almost eighty years old and the signs of its fulfilment had just trickled through. The first ray of this bright light has shone from the Gambia whose Governor—an Ahmadi—has asked for a piece of clothings of the Promised Messiah for blessings

In a brief sermon on Friday the 27th of May Hazrat Khalifatul Masih stressed the point that only such actions could be called good as produced good results. He explained the verse of the Holy Quran

ان هذا لهو الفوز العظيم لمثل هذا فليعمل العاملون

and advised the members of the Jamaat that they must always be watchful of their actions and see to it that they were not done in a half-hearted manner nor were they left incomplete.

On the 3rd of June Hazrat Khlifatul Masih advised the members of the Jamaat to be always fervently praying to God for the success of the mission of the Promised Messiah, the sole aim of whose advent was the establishment of the supremacy of Islam in the world. The Hazrat remarked that the task was so great that it could not be accomplished with human efforts alone. The help of God was most needed and it must be attracted through prayers.

Open Meetings

On the 13th of May an open meeting was held at the Masjid Mubarak at which Maulana J.D. Shams, Malik Saifur Rahman, Sahibzada Mirza Mansur Ahmad, Maulana N.A. Mubashir and Maulvi Dost Mohammad, dilated on some of the verses of the Holy Quran which the Promised Messiah, peace be on him, put forward in support of his claim that Jesus had died and could not be living upto this day. They read out relative passages from the writings of the Promised Messiah and explained their significance. The meeting was presided over by Hazrat Khalifatul Masih.

Likewise another meeting was held on the 10th of June at which the controversial points between our Jamaat and the members of the Lahore Group were discussed by Maulana J.D. Shams, Maulana Abul Ata, Sh. Mubarak Ahmad and Mir Mahmud Ahmad Nasir.

This meeting was also presided over by Hazrat Khalifatul Masih.

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NOTES & COMMENTS

Another School

Sherpendeh, Freetown has published the following news-item about the opening of another Ahmadiyya school at the border of Guinea, in its publication of 11th May 1966.

"THE Informal opening ceremony of the first Ahmadiyya school took place recently at Saniya when about 2,000 people attended the ceremony of which number 500 came from Guinea.

"The Director of Education of Guinea, The Supervisor of Schools Bombali District, a District Officer from Guinea, Alhaji Ibrahim Kaloko from Makeni, The Inspector of Police, Makeni, all the Imams, section Chiefs and Alhajis of Tambaka Chiefdom were also present.

"86 children were enrolled on the opening day."

Part-time Preachers

Mr. A. R. Khan Bengalee, writes from Pittsburgh :

> ..... By the grace of Allah two members, Brother Abu Salih and his wife, have in response to this appeal (appeal for part time preachers) dedicated 15 days..... and they propose to do tabligh during these days in Brooklyn, New York and in Baltimore, Maryland where they have friends and relatives. Kindly pray that Allah enable them to fulfil their pledge and produce good result of it. Please also pray that Allah through His grace inspire more members to dedicate their time for tabligh. Amin.

A Seeker After Truth

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Maulvi F. I. Anwari, Missionary of Islam in Germany and Imam of the Ahmadiyya Mosque, Frankfurt, has received the following letter from Mr. Herbert Ruttgers :

Dear Imam !

> "The Christian Circles have maintained a strong controversial attitude against your religious beliefs and principles. What is really very deplorable is the fact that they are unaware of their own flaws and errors into which they have fallen As I don't want to be blamed of such an intolerance in religious affairs I withdraw myself from this dispensation. A seeker after truth and God I would like to be well informed about your faith and its vital significance. That's why I turn to you today".

Ahmadiyyat in Liberia

We reproduce an extract from Young Pakistan (weekly) of Sunday 24th October, 1965 without any comments.

> "There are quite a number of Mosques scattered in various parts of the country. But in the capital city, Monrovia, there are only two Mosques which cannot accommodate all worshippers and many persons stand in the street to offer their Friday Prayer. There is no organised preaching of Islam. However, the Ahmadiyya Jamaat, Rabwah, has a mission which has its missionaries working in many parts of the country. The Muslims in general because of the absence

of Islamic guidance have a meagre knowledge of Islam and as such are prone to be duped and misled by the well organised Christian missions which are very active in the whole of West Africa".

The same article also throws light on the condition of Islam and the Muslims in the following vein :

"The position of Islam and Muslims in Liberia is very deplorable indeed. There is not a single school for the Muslims in the country and as a result of that very few Muslims are educated on western lines. One hardly finds any Muslim on a good post in the government. Even the simple clerk is a rarity. In trade and commerce, business and professions, Muslims are relegated to an obscure background. The natural consequence of such a state of affairs is misery and frustration."

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We are grateful to Maulvi M.A. Saqi, Missiorary in charge, Ahmadiyya Mission, Liberia, who has forwarded a copy of the said newspaper to us.

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Missionary For Guyana

Maulvi Ghulam Ahmad Nasim left Rabwah for Guyana on the 25th of May. He will relieve Mr. B.A. Orchard.

Maulvi Nasim has already put in three years service as Missionary of Islam, in Sierra Leone. (He has since arrived at his destination and is taking over from Mr. Orchard who is expected to be back in Rabwah, before taking another appointment in Europe very soon)

Fazle Umar Foundation

When Hazrat Khalifatul Masih was informed of some of the handsome amounts promised by some members of the Ahmadiyya Jamaat at Lahore, he sent the following messge to the Jamaat there. The message is such that it certainly includes each and every member of the Jamaat all over the world.

The Message

Dear Brothers, Assalamo alaikum wa rahmatullah wabrakatohoo. The scheme of the Fazle Umar Foundation has sprung from the fountain of love and regard that the friends have—and will continue to have—for their dear master, Muslih Mauood, may God be pleased with him. I hope that all of you will prove the truth of this statement with your action—as some of you have already done by participating in this scheme with heavy amounts. May God reward all of you very abundantly and may He enable you to offer still greater sacrifices. Amin.

Jazakumullah wa billa hittaufiq (may God reward you and it is only with the power granted by God)

Mirza Nasir Ahmad

Khalifatul Masih IVI

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TRIUMPH OF ISLAM

(فتح اسلام)

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One of these sections is that of publications which God has entrusted to me and (for which) He has taught me such spiritual secrets as are not in the power of man, rather they can be obtained only from God; not through human offort but through the guidance of the Holy Spirit, the difficulties have been removed.

The second section of this great enterprise is the publishing of posters and handbills which is being carried out under the commands of God for providing conclusive proofs of the truth. So far, it is over twenty thousand posters containing proofs of the truth of Islamic teachings that have been issued and this process will continue in future also.

The third section of this dispensation is the coming of the visitors and guests who come to this place in search of truth or for certain other reasons, having come to know of this divine dispensation, This section is also in progress. Though at times the number of the visitors is not much yet on some other occasions they begin to come in large numbers. During the last seven years, no less than sixty thousand guests have arrived here and only God can assess the value of the benefit they received from speeches, and by getting their difficulties solved or shortcomings removed. There can be no doubt about it that the speeches delivered on such occasions are in various ways, more effective than the publications, and they touch the hearts of men more. That is why all the prophets have b e e n adopting this method and with the exception of the word of God which has always been written down and thus given wide publicity, whatever, other than that, is from the Prophets is the text of the speeches on various relevant occasions, later on given publicity. The general practice with the prophets has been that they used to speek to the people according to the need of the time and the occasion, with the power of the spirit. But they certainly were not like the speakers of today who think that the only thing they have to do (through speeches) is to display their knowledge, or that they should entrap some simple person through their false logic and sophisticated talks and thus make him more deserving of hell than they themselves are. Rather t h e prophets used to talk with great simplicity and whatever there used to be in their hearts sizzling, that is what they poured into the hearts of others. Their talks always used to be relevant to the occasion and they never told their audiences anything in the form of entertainment or stories; they would rather find them sick and afflicted with different kind of spiritual diseases, and they would therefore give them pieces of advice by way of treatment or they would remove their doubts with clear and conclusive proofs. There used to be few words in their talks, but they were full of meanings. That is what I also do and in accordance with the capacity of the visitors and their needs and their diseases, I continue to talk to them (more to follow)

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